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1 WRITTEN OPINION OF THE International
2 INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY Application No.
3 (SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET) PCT/EP2004/052654

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6 **Re Point V**

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8 1. In the present office action reference is made to the
9 following documents:

10 D1: US 6 492 623 B1 (VILATO PABLO ET AL) 10th December 2002
11 D2: DE 82 31 895 U1 (BOSCH-SIEMENS HAUSGERAETE GMBH, 7000
12 STUTTGART DE) 2nd May 1985 (1985-05-02)
13 D3: US 6 236 024 B1 (GOTZ HELGA ET AL) 22nd May 2001 (2001-
14 05-22)
15 D4: US 6 455 819 B1 (POHL JOERG ET AL) 24th September 2002
16 (2002-09-24)
17 D5: US 5 549 100 A (HEISNER ET AL) 27th August 1996 (1996-
18 08-27)
19 D6: DE 198 17 195 C1 (BSH BOSCH UND SIEMENS HAUSGERAETE
20 GMBH) 9th September 1999 (1999-09-09)
21 D7: US 2002/014482 A1 (BECKER THEODORE A ET AL) 7th February
22 2002
23 D8: DE 198 11 372 A1 (BSH BOSCH UND SIEMENS HAUSGERAETE
24 GMBH) 23rd September 1999 (1999-09-23)

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26 2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1
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28 2.1 The present application does not meet the requirements
29 of Article 33(1) PCT because the subject matter of claim 1
30 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2)PCT.

31 Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses relate
32 to this document) a household appliance for integrating into
33 a sector of a worktop (2) comprising an operating strip (64-

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1 68) containing at least one operating element (67) and
2 having a supporting surface on the lower side thereof for
3 supporting the household appliance on the worktop (2),
4 wherein the operating strip is substantially produced by
5 forming.

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7 2.2 The present application does not meet the requirements
8 of Article 33(1) PCT because the subject matter of claim 1
9 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2)PCT. Documents D2-D8
10 also completely disclose the subject matter of claim 1.

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12 3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-5, 8, 16

13 Claims 2-5, 8, 16 contain no features which in combination
14 with the features of any claim to which they relate satisfy
15 the requirements of the PCT in relation to novelty or
16 inventive step.

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18 4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 6, 7, 9-15

19 The combination of features contained in the dependent
20 claims is neither known from the present prior art nor is it
21 made obvious by it.

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23 5 The industrial applicability of the subject matter of
24 the present application is clear.

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26 **Re Point VII.**

27 The subject matter of claim 1 is a product which is to be
28 characterised by a method for manufacture. In this case, it
29 should be noted that the product as such must (regardless of
30 the basic manufacturing process) satisfy the requirements of
31 patentability (among others novelty and inventive step) to
32 be considered as allowable.

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